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 TOPIC Dresden-Klotzsche Airfield REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield between 4 and 30 May 1953:

4 May. Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., there was air activity by 9 Yak-11s which made short local flights. Air activity was interrupted between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. After 7 p.m., bus [REDACTED] occupied by student pilots, left the field. During the day this bus had been parked at the take-off point where also ambulance [REDACTED] was seen. The flights had probably been conducted by advanced student pilots or under the supervision of pilot instructors as no unsuccessful take-offs or landings were observed.

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5 to 7 May. Only light air activity was observed.

8 to 10 May. No air activity was observed.

11 May. There was intensive flying.

12 May. Flying was practiced by 2 Po-2s.

13 May. There was no air activity.

15 May. Between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2 Po-2s and between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Yak-11s practiced flying.

16 May. Yak-11s made local flights.

18 May. Yak-11s [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] practiced local flying. Source determined that the Yak-11s were started without starter carriage. The VP student pilot sat in the front seat and also when flying alone.

19 May. After 9 p.m., Po-2s were seen aloft.

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20 May. Yak-11s practiced local flying.

21 May. There was flying by Yak-11s.

22 May. In the morning, Po-2s and in the afternoon Yak-11s were seen aloft, some of the latter were flying in elements of two.

23 May. Yak-11s, [] were flying in elements of two. Two trainers, probably Yak-18s, were parked at the field.

24 to 30 May. Flying was practiced by Yak-11s and Po-2s. On 25 May, formation flying in elements of two, flight formations and in formations of four planes was observed.

2. The pilot training course included about 45 VP student pilots, about 15 Soviet officers as instructors and about 20 Soviet EM as mechanics. Two Soviet radio trucks, one of them with a rod antenna, 6 meters long, and two VP motor vehicles were observed at the take-off point. Soviet instructors were observed near the radio truck on top of which a Soviet officer with a white flag was sitting. The VP student pilots were seen near their motor vehicles and the mechanics were at the dispersal area of the aircraft. Ten to 15 Soviet officers and 35 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, probably the Soviet instructors and technical personnel, were quartered in the officers' billets at Karl Marx Strasse.
3. In mid-May, trucks of the drivers' school at the former Luftkriegsschule were only seldom seen. In late May, these trucks were again regularly seen.

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5. In May, there was air activity by Yak-11s, [] These planes had red propeller hubs and white rudder assemblies. Prior to each take-off, an air force officer mounted a wing of the plane and gave instructions. During air activity, 30 to 40 air force officers and EM were observed at and near the planes. The planes were fueled from two tank trucks which repeatedly shuttled between the northeastern corner of the field and the planes. During air activity, two radio trucks [] were parked in the northern section of the field. The radio trucks were fitted with vertical rod antennas, 4 and 6 meters high. One of the trucks was marked on its side by a blue-white square of about 40 cm. There was a small trailer, probably a generator, near the radio trucks. On 19, 20, 21, 22 May, and 1 June, there was air activity during daytime, occasionally rather intensive. Elements of two Yak-11s were seen aloft after individual take-offs. Formation flying also included the change from combat to close order formations. In the second half of May, besides Yak-11s with red propeller hubs, white rudder assemblies [] Yak-11s with yellow propeller hubs, white

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rudder assemblies [redacted] were observed.
Sometimes two trainers of another type were also seen at the field.

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[redacted] Comment. As previously, a motor vehicle distribution point with a drivers' school, an unidentified air force unit and a VFL unit from Bautzen are stationed at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. After the completion of Bautzen airfield in the near future, the VFL unit will probably again move to Bautzen.

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